

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ABSTRACT

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System and method for enabling school age children, and others, in conflict or dispute, who lack the skills necessary to express their desires and emotions, either at all, or in a courteous, safe manner, to do so in an effective way, by providing a conflict resolution location adapted to receive a dedicated portable object, such as a small rug, to be used, together with a specialized, script and a set of simple procedural rules. The process is directed toward replacing confrontational circumstances with a neutral meeting ground, the "Peace Rug", to which a degree of respect is accorded, and where specific rules of conduct apply. All concerned join in a face-to-face relationship, preferably sitting on, or in proximity, to the rug during the entire process and engage in a scripted conversation during which each participant exercises, and thereby develops, the ability to voice his or her concern and desires with respect to a perceived offensive action perpetrated by another child. The process concludes with the development of a mutually agreeable plan, and promotion of individual pride and responsibility for that accomplishment.